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In response to rumors that aspartame is linked to multiple sclerosis (MS), Neurologist Kathleen Hawker told *Channel 11 KBCD* in Lubbock, TX,

"So far there's no medical literature whatsoever that suggests aspartame is causing MS. There's no medical literature to suggest that when you get the patient off of this it will change the course of the disease."

More than three decades of research and 200 studies support the safety of aspartame. Its safety has been reaffirmed on numerous occasions by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and by, among others, the American Medical Association, the American Diabetes Association and the American Dietetic Association.

In addition, Dr. Randolph Schiffer, Chairman of the Department of Neuro-Psychiatry at Texas Tech, describes rumors that MS patients taken off aspartame saw their symptoms diminish as "absolutely not true."

To read this article and Dr. Hawker's assessment of the safety of aspartame, please visit: http://www.kcbd.com/Global/story.asp?S=4572940&nav=CcXL.

For your reference and convenience this information has been attached in PDF form.

Respectfully submitted,

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